

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROXYING DATA ACCESS COMMANDS OVER A  
CLUSTER INTERCONNECT, by Herman Lee, et al.

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Please replace the <sup>First</sup>~~SECOND~~ full paragraph of specification page <sup>17</sup>~~17~~ with the following replacement paragraph:

—In step 725, the partner storage appliance takes over the disks of the failed storage appliance using conventional disk ownership routines. One such routine is described in United States Patent ~~Application Serial Number 10/027,020, No. 7,296,068, issued on November 11, 2007,~~ entitled SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR TRANSFERRING VOLUME OWNERSHIP IN NETWORKED STORAGE, by Joydeep Sen Sarma, et al., the teachings of which are hereby incorporated by reference. Once it has obtained control of the disks, the partner storage appliance begins servicing requests directed to the failed storage appliance (step 730). The failover procedure then completes at step 735. At this point the surviving storage appliance processes data access requests for itself and (via the second virtual port) for the failed storage appliance.